



MUCH SHIPPING THE PAST WEEK

Many Boats Arrive and Depart all Carrying Large Cargoes

THE NEWPORT IS AGAIN ON THE RUN

The past week has been a busy one in the shipping industry.

The Elizabeth arrived in from San Francisco, Monday, with 109 tons of freight and 16 passengers...

The Newport also arrived Monday and sailed Tuesday with about 200 tons of coal and some miscellaneous freight for Portland.

The shipping business for Bandon and the Coquille river looks more promising for this summer than it has for a number of years...

First National Doing Business

The new First National Bank of Bandon opened for business Wednesday morning, April 20th, but the inside finishing is not all done as yet.

Grange Corner.

The Grange meeting, Saturday, May 7th, will discuss the subject of Taxation.

Bates Family Depart

F. A. Bates, son Raymond, and daughter Margaret, left on the Fi-field for San Diego, where they go in the hopes that the climate may benefit Raymond's health.

FACTS ABOUT PORT COMMISSION

Executive Club Give Figures Relative to Taxation Under the Commission

The following is part of an article soon to be published by the Executive Club of the Port of Coquille to be distributed among the taxpayers within the district:

"Some of the leading citizens within the territory of the proposed Port of Coquille River met some time ago and perfected a preliminary organization for the purpose of encouraging and advancing the work necessary for its permanent establishment...

For the purpose of the better understanding of the situation the following statement is made:

There is an unexpended balance of an appropriation heretofore made by Congress for the improvement of the mouth of Coquille River to the amount of \$22,000

There is a recent appropriation made by Congress for the purpose of aiding in making and maintaining an 8 foot channel from Bandon to Myrtle Point in the amount of \$50,000

The present assessed value of the real and personal property within the proposed Port District is \$7,700,000

A bond issue on this assessed valuation of one per cent would amount to 75,700

A 2 mill general tax on the said assessed valuation of 7,570,000 would amount to 15,140

Total \$162,840

Independent of the Government appropriation the amount to be raised by bond issue and general tax would be 90,840

Of this amount the bond issue would be 75,700

General tax 15,140

Total \$90,840

The bond issue of \$75,700 would require bonds on each \$1,000 of assessed valuation equivalent to \$10.

If one-twentieth of these bonds is paid at the end of each year for twenty years, the annual tax on each \$1,000 of assessed valuation, to pay the principal and interest would be as follows:

Principal of \$10 of bonds .50

Interest 6 per cent for first year .60

Two mill tax on \$1,000 \$2.00

Total annual tax on \$1,000 of assessed valuation 3.10

The amount of interest would of course be decreased each year.

It is estimated by those who are competent to judge, that this fund of \$162,840 will be ample to place and maintain the river in condition so that any vessel that can cross the bar at its mouth can ascend the river as far as Coquille, and to make and maintain an eight foot channel from Coquille to Myrtle Point.

We thus find that an annual tax of three dollars and ten cents on each one thousand dollars of assessed valuation of property within the proposed port district will pay for an improvement that all must see will

CITY COUNCIL IN REGULAR SESSION

Will Submit Water Proposition to Voters at June Election

OTHER BUSINESS OF IMPORTANCE

At the regular meeting of the City Council, last Friday night, it was decided to have an ordinance drawn, submitting the proposition at the coming June election, of bonding the city for \$60,000 to put in a city water system.

The matter of straightening First street at the pier was again brought up and was adjusted satisfactorily, and it was ordered to advertise again for bids to complete the work.

A few bills were allowed and other matters of minor importance were taken up.

In the absence of Mayor Gallier, who has been laid up with rheumatism for the past three weeks, Councilman G. Boak has presided over the meetings.

be of great value to every taxpayer therein, not only as a means of transportation, but also as a sure means of largely increasing the value of all real estate so taxed.

Take two 160 acre tracts of land each equal to the other in productivity, improvement, and all other particulars, except that one of them is situated ten miles distant from Myrtle Point and from navigable water, and the other is situated ten miles distant from the city of Portland and from navigable water; which is the more valuable? That near Portland, of course. What makes it so? The fact that one is near a large city while the other is not.

What has made Portland a large city? The fact that it is located on a river that could be and was, by improvement, made navigable for ocean going craft, which fact alone gave to it such large growth that it soon became a large railroad center and a large city neither of which conditions would ever have existed but for the Columbia River and its improvement by taxation.

It is not here contended that Myrtle Point, Coquille or Bandon will ever become a Portland because of the establishment of the proposed Port; but it is contended that its establishment and the consequent improvement of the river, will, to a large extent, increase the population of these towns and the manufacturing industries within its limits, and as a natural consequence increase the demand for and price of all arm products as well as increase the value of all real estate in the port district on an extent that would make an annual tax of \$3.10 on every \$1,000 of assessed value a good investment, in addition to the personal advantage to the taxpayer on account of the increased and cheaper facilities for transportation.

Mr. Fred N Perkins, through the press and his street talk has had much to say about what he claims is an undue power vested in the Port Commissioners, and the probability that they will abuse that power. In his article published in the Coquille Valley Sentinel of April 1st, he says:

PORTLAND RECEIVES MUCH LIVE STOCK

Constant Increase with New Union Stock Yards Is Reported

Portland, April 16, 1910.—Live stock receipts at this market for the week ending today have been 1225 cattle, 10 calves, 2065 hogs and 3285 sheep.

Prices on good cattle have been steady. The hog market has eased off somewhat and sheep have not looked attractive to buyers.

The hog market has eased off in sympathy with much lower prices at Eastern centers. However, a high plane of prices obtained with tops at 11.20.

Club Notes.

Mrs Henry Dibblee will entertain the ladies belonging to the Thimble Club at her home, on Fourth street, this afternoon.

The Ladies Art Club met this afternoon at the home of Mrs P. C. Stephenson on the county road.

The Seaside Club will be entertained tomorrow, Friday, afternoon, by Mrs. T. J. Heaton, in the Hartman building.

"This law gives greater powers of bonding and tax levying to five men than are passed (possessed) by any body of men in the State, except when they are trying this scheme under this same law, for the Portland Commissioners cannot levy over one-fortieth of a ten mill tax."

The statements contained in the above quotation are based either upon ignorance or willful misrepresentation.

The common council of any incorporated city or town in this State can issue bonds for the improvement of its streets or for building sewers, in an amount limited only by the cost of the improvement or the sewer, or both; and the extent and cost of the improvement or sewer is limited only by the good judgment of the common council as to the extent and cost of improvement and sewage.

Laws of 1905, p. 87, B. & C, sec. 2730.

This is but one instance showing that the Port law does not give "greater power of bonding to five men than is possessed by any body of men in the State."

"For the purpose of raising revenues for county purposes the county court or board of county commissioners for each county in the State shall, at its January term in each year, levy a tax upon all taxable property in its county, which tax shall be sufficient in amount to defray the expenses of the county."

B. & C. Comp. sec. 3055.

This is an instance showing where a body of three men have greater power of "tax levying" than is given to Port Commissioners, for the latter are limited as to amount, while the former are not,--except that the tax shall not exceed an amount necessary "to defray the expenses of the county." But the power of the county court goes much deeper than this "tax levying,"--for it has, to a very large extent, the power to control the extent of the expenses of the county for the payment of which it must levy the tax.

And in this connection it is well to state, that in (Continued on page 4)

TO LIGHT JETTY AND MOVE LIGHTHOUSE

Petition Being Circulated to Present to Proper Authorities for Change.

WANT LIGHTHOUSE ON SOUTH SIDE

A petition is being circulated and everybody is signing it to have lights placed on the jetty and to move the lighthouse to the bluff on the south side of the river. It is stated by marine men that the lighthouse is really a detriment where it now is, as it throws a glaring light directly into their eyes as they attempt to cross in over the bar at night, and thus blinds them so they cannot see the channel, and then the light, where it now is cannot be seen from the sea until vessels get directly in range with it, but if it were up where the lookout now is it would be different, as then the light could be seen far at sea, and be of some use to mariners.

Haberly Replies to Perkins.

In the matter of the Port Commission I would reply to Mr. Perkins' last week's article briefly as follows: If neighbor Perkins will read last week's papers he will find that the appropriation for the Siuslaw of over three hundred thousand dollars by the U. S. government is contingent upon the Port of Siuslaw spending over two hundred thousand dollars on the project.

If the other so called "facts" which Mr. Perkins alleges are based upon the same kind of fiction, his "logic" is more imaginary than that which he accuses his progressive opponents of using.

But why prolong this discussion? The RECORDER has repeatedly and ably presented the advantages and the equitable distribution of the cost of the Port, and the general fairness to all concerned, while it has refuted any argument that has been presented against said Port.

The cost is not commensurate with the benefit, and the people at large are beginning to realize that we must do something to improve our water way before the great railroads get in here and oppose our project so as to be in a position to control our freight rates to their own advantage. In fact, it is the large corporations that are fighting the Port of Coos Bay, today, more than any one else, I think it will be the same with the Coquille proposition.

Miss Emma Solve returned to San Francisco, Wednesday, having taken passage on the Elizabeth. She came a few weeks ago to visit her sisters, Mrs. Kausrud and Miss Nora Solve.

WILL INVESTIGATE OIL PROSPECTS

Miocene Oil and Gas Company to Drill Well on Bear Creek.

The Miocene Oil and Gas Co., which is made up exclusively of people of Bandon and vicinity, is preparing to drill for oil on Bear creek during the coming summer.

The company is now selling stock and it is going very rapidly. Oil experts say that there are the finest of prospects for oil in many parts of Coos county, and that the place where this company has decided upon for its well is particularly promising.

An oil well so near to Bandon, or in fact anywhere in the Coquille valley, will mean thousands and even millions to inhabitants of this valley, and will mean a growth in population and industry that cannot now be estimated.

As has been said, oil experts are very pronounced in their utterances as to the excellent prospects for oil, and taking all things into consideration, there is every reason to believe that within a comparatively short time there will be oil in abundance in this locality.

To Dedicate New Hall.

The Odd Fellows of Bandon are making preparations to observe the first anniversary of the founding of the Order, by dedicating their magnificent new hall, Tuesday, April 26th. The town will belong to the "Three Linkers" on that day.

Goes to Settle Estate.

It has been rumored about town that C. Evan Lucas, of the real estate firm of Lucas & Hopson, was going away, and that the firm would be discontinued; but Mr. Lucas says the rumor is without foundation, and their firm will remain here indefinitely.

Miss Myrtle A. Nell arrived in Bandon last evening, having been down near Gold Beach for the past few months.

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